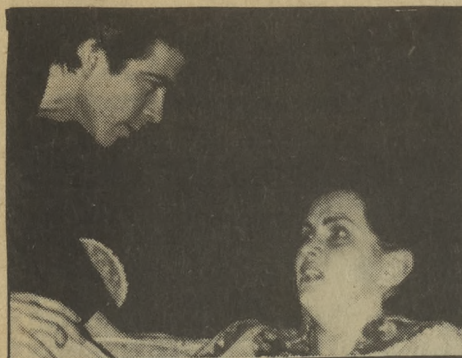


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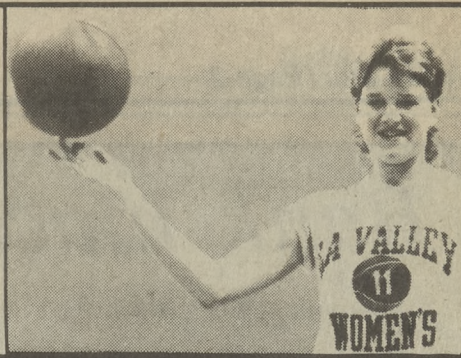
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Workers say asbestos at Valley hazardous

District says no health threat posed

Part one of a two-part series.

By KIM JENKINS, Assoc. Opinion Editor

The presence of significant amounts of asbestos in 19 of Valley's 58 buildings has caused concern for health and safety among campus maintenance workers, and has put the L.A. Community College District at odds with state health officials for the past two years.

The victims say it is an example of how the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) thinks that saving money is more important than maintaining the health of its employees by complying with asbestos standards.

However, LACCD Board of Trustees President, Dr. Monroe Richman maintains that the District "by virtue of its expenditures reflecting our sensitivity about this problem, has remained at the forefront of this problem to insure the safety of our employees."

Regardless of its reported efforts, the Board of Trustees has been warned by L.A. County District Attorney Ira Reiner to maintain asbestos standards at its nine campuses or risk civil or criminal prosecution.

The warning stemmed from five asbestos spills at Valley in 1985, which resulted in citations from the California Occupational Safety Administration (CalOSHA) to the LACCD.

This was the sixth time in two years the District has been cited for not complying with asbestos standards at Valley, L.A. City and East L.A. colleges.

Asbestos was widely used in fireproofing, soundproofing and insulation before it was discovered to be toxic in the mid-seventies.

The spills at Valley occurred in the North Library fan room, the gymnastics center boiler room, the Human-

ities Building attic near heating vents, the Foreign Language Building attic and the West Engineering South Library underground steam tunnels.

One of the spills was 40-feet long, according to Ray Blumhorst, heating and air conditioning specialist who used a specially equipped vacuum cleaner to sweep up the asbestos spills.

Blumhorst's cleanup was completed Oct. 21. Since then, the LACCD has not been cited for failing to comply with the asbestos standards.

According to David Ogne, Building and Grounds administrator at Valley, the spills were minor and did not necessarily pose a threat to maintenance workers.

As far as the danger of asbestos poisoning, Blumhorst agrees with the District's assessment that teachers and students have nothing to worry about.

"It's mostly us workers who are in danger," he said.

Two maintenance workers at Valley have been diagnosed as having asbestosis, a disease in which asbestos fibers, when inhaled, cause scarring of lung tissue.

It can also cause *Mesothelioma*, a cancer of the lining of the lungs and abdomen, which is 100 percent fatal.

"I didn't know it (asbestos) was dangerous," said George Thompson, a maintenance worker who has asbestosis. "I wasn't informed."

The worker who painted the asbestos-covered pipes, Bill Bailey, has also been diagnosed as having asbestosis.

However, it is not known if the two workers acquired the disease from working at Valley.

"Goodness knows where they got it," said Ogne. "They could have been in their trade for 30 years and worked around it somewhere else."

"(The District) tested 117 people and seven were diagnosed as having asbestosis," said Norm Schneider, director of communication services for the LACCD.

"There is no way of knowing if they got it from working at Valley, but the likelihood is that they didn't because they've had minimal exposure."

Maintenance workers at Valley think otherwise.

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Valley enrollment decreases seven percent from year ago

By CHRIS BUSH, Staff Writer

Enrollment at Valley for the spring semester is approximately seven percent lower than a year ago, according to Fred Machetanz, dean of Admissions and Records.

Machetanz, however, was quick to point out that the seven percent decrease could be made up by the last day of registration.

"We have been processing about 100 students a day since Monday," he said. "It is possible that figure could be made up by Jan. 24."

Approximately 15,151 students

registered by Jan. 10, but Machetanz said that, "At present, there is somewhere between 15,300 and 15,600 students registered."

In the Spring 1985 semester, Valley had slightly more than 16,000 students registered by the first day of class.

"Most people suspected there would be a decrease," admitted Machetanz. "Spring semesters are generally smaller, so it's no surprise there's a drop."

"Students transfer to universities

or find employment. We don't get as many high school students because fewer of them are graduating," he said.

Machetanz, however, did stress that Valley is in better shape than most of the other L.A. Community College District (LACCD) campuses.

Exact enrollment figures from the district "are presently not available," according to Norm Schneider, public information direc-

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STREAMING THROUGH VALLEY—A group of 36 Airstream trailers, part of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, recently made a two-day stop at Valley. En route to Yuma, Arizona, the group parked its trailers in parking lot G by the baseball diamond, allowing them to see the sights of L.A. for a while. The 77 member contingent of the Nor Cal Unit consisted of retired adventurers from Northern California and Nevada. See page 3.



JEANNE K. BEHLER / Valley Star

THE LINEUP—Long lines filled Valley's bookstore last Wednesday. Many students may have been disappointed that the 10 percent discount on textbooks for ASU members was discontinued.

Bookstore discount discontinued—ASU membership may suffer

By DAVID FROST, Editor-in-Chief

Students who were hoping to save a little money on textbooks by joining Valley's Associated Student Union, which offered a 10 percent discount on textbooks and supplies to all cardholders last semester, may have joined only to find out that the discount on textbooks is no longer available.

Currently, a 10 percent discount on supplies all semester is available to cardholders.

The 10 percent textbook discount was discontinued, according to Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration at Valley, because "the program was not as successful as we (the school administration and the bookstore management) had hoped it would be."

However, to the Associated Student Union (ASU), the discount was successful, according to ASU President, Frank Tullo, and Treasurer, Dorothy Kaplan.

Because of the discount, they said, the number of ASU memberships increased 350 percent, to

2,615 members. The discount served to attract students into ASU, when they might not have joined otherwise.

As of Monday, only 575 people had received membership stickers from ASU.

The drop in membership will result in a drop in revenues for ASU, which provides such services as partial funding for the library to extend its hours of operation, emergency book loans, and partial funding of the biology lab.

Because of the dramatic increase in membership last semester, ASU was able to provide more funding than the previous semester.

Many of the people in charge of the programs which received the additional funding, said Tullo, will be disappointed when they ask for the same amount for next year, because the money may not be available.

Tullo and Kaplan were notified of the decision to discontinue the discount on Nov. 20.

"The discount was offered only

in the fall as a pilot program," said Breckell. "It was not meant to be permanent."

The ASU officers said they had not heard anything about it being a "pilot" program, and that they were told that the discount would be dropped without seeing any figures on the financial impact of the program.

"(Breckell) had no physical figures or anything to show us," said Kaplan. "It was just like an ultimatum—like 'We're going to give you a 10 percent discount on supplies. We can't on textbooks—that's it.'"

The reason Claudette Burns, the manager of the bookstore, gave for dropping the discount was that the bookstore could no longer afford to do so. The bookstore, which sells textbooks at a 25 percent markup over the publishers' costs, she said, is either operating with a deficit or a minimal profit. This is due to overhead such as salaries and shipping costs.

"It just wasn't viable to con-

tinue it," said Burns. "The district said to us (all of the district's nine campus bookstores) 'you will make a profit—or break even.'"

"With the financial situation of the district, they can't afford to subsidize the bookstores."

The budget figure for the fall semester will not be available until mid-February, according to Breckell.

Burns said she based her decision on the November monthly report, which showed that the store made less money than the previous year, in which the store operated at a deficit.

Another factor in the decision, according to Breckell, was the long lines created by the number of people who received discounts. The cash registers could only calculate a discount on one type of item, such as supplies, and the discount for textbooks had to be figured out manually.

To help offset the extra work incurred by the discount, ASU gave the bookstore \$1,000.

Bank machine that robs...

By RONN CROWDER, Staff Writer

Bank robbery is a term normally associated with illegally removing money from a bank. This is the story of how a bank's computer "robbed" me of \$240.

My wife and I had saved \$800 toward moving into a nicer apartment. With it we opened a savings account in the same bank in which we maintained our checking account—First Interstate Bank in North Hollywood.

At the time we opened the savings account, we also requested new automatic teller access cards for our old checking account, because my wife's wallet had been lost.

Two weeks later we received our new auto-teller cards and code number. We thought they were for the checking account and went to the auto-teller to withdraw funds.

The computer rejected our request for funds, issuing a card stating "Cannot access this account." Thinking the card worthless, we threw it away. No money came out of the machine.

Over a period of the next few days, perhaps a week, we occasionally attempted without success to access the checking account with the new cards. We never received any money, and decided to notify the bank about the problem.

They told us we had withdrawn \$240 from the savings account. We said there was some mistake and asked the bank's customer relations person, Karen, to investigate.

It turned out that the auto-teller card had been mistakenly assigned to the savings account instead of the checking account. Still, we had received no money from the auto-teller at any time.

About a week later, we received a detailed accounting of the "withdrawals." They all fell within the period of time we could not access the checking account. We had never attempted to access the savings.

I was now forced to go back to the bank. As luck would have it, Karen was not available. So I had to explain the whole story to a new employee. She was sympathetic, and phoned the person at the "Central Office" who had prepared the accounting statement.

I then had to explain the entire story to the person on the phone. She said that the camera on the auto-teller would show who took the money out and requested that the branch employee show me the film.

I was eager to see a film of myself getting money I had never gotten. It would have been interesting, although I knew the film did not exist.

"The girl who does the camera was out that week," said the branch employee. "We don't have film of those transactions."

I was then told to wait and speak to the bank officer in charge. She seemed confused as I explained the entire story again.

She said she would check it out and call me the following Monday.

I never heard from her, and she did not leave a message on my answering machine.

I went back to the bank on Tuesday. Karen was there. I said, "I hope you remember me. I would hate to have to explain the whole story again." She didn't. I did.

I was beginning to feel that the hassle wasn't worth \$240. She called the "Central Office" again. I thought, "Now, we're getting somewhere."

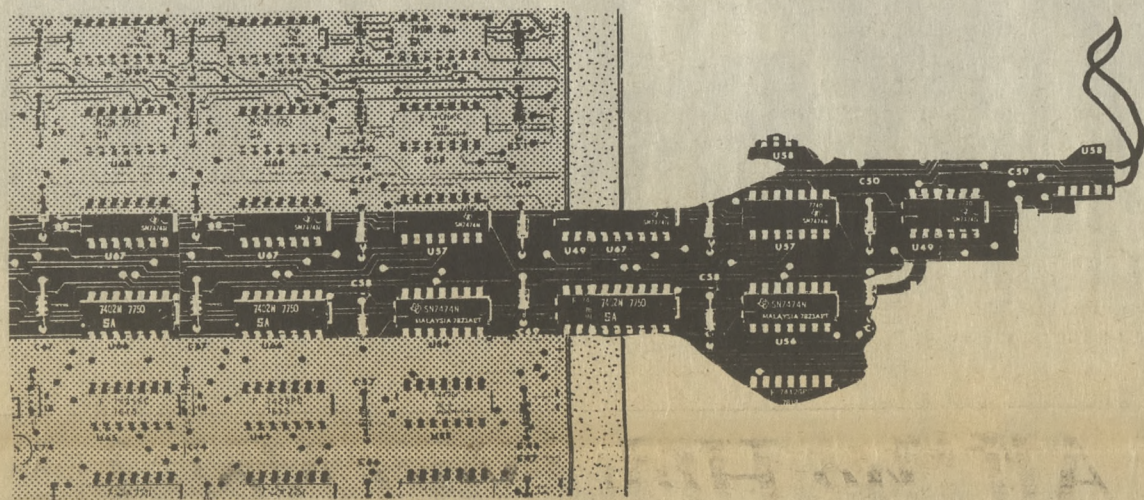
The employee on the phone acted as if I were intruding upon her day. She was more than curt. In fact, she was downright rude. She practically accused me of trying to run some "scam" on the bank.

She told me in no uncertain terms that she would do no more about the situation. "If you want to go any further with this," she said, "you'll have to sue the bank."

How's that for customer relations? Not only was I out \$240, but now I would have to bear the expense of suing for justice.

The only witness against me is a damned computer. I know I did not receive the money, in spite of what the computer says.

Needless to say, we closed both accounts. The new apartment must be postponed. As for First Interstate Bank—I will see them in court.



...and robbery at machine

By DONNA RAMOS, Staff Writer

The air was cool and brisk as my friend and I drove back from Santa Barbara. The sunset could be seen off in the distance. The atmosphere around us was tranquil.

Leaning back against the seat I inhaled as much of the tranquility as I could. Soon we would be home and my children would greet me at the door with "Mom, I'm hungry."

I was right. As soon as the door opened, there they were with "Mom, I'm hungry."

Being in a relaxed mood and not wanting to cook, I decided on hamburgers and fries for that night.

Checking my purse, I realized that I had spent all my money in Santa Barbara. A trip to the automatic teller machine at my bank would be necessary before buying dinner.

Taking my ten-year-old son with me, I headed for the teller machine. By the time we arrived at the bank night had fallen completely and there were four other people in line before me.

Waiting for my turn to come, I became aware that there were no other people coming to join the line.

After withdrawing \$20, we headed back toward our car, which was parked in the darkness on a side street. A feeling of uneasiness seemed to come over me as we were walking.

Behind me was a man dressed in black pants, black sweater and a black snow cap. When I moved to the right, he moved to the right. If I moved to the left, he moved to the left.

I knew then that we were in trouble.

My first concern was getting my son to the car. It felt like an eternity, but I was able to finally get to the car and get the door open.

As I opened the car door, I felt the man's hand on my arm. Fear overtook me and I thought at any time I might pass out. *No, I can't permit that to happen, I thought, what will happen to my son?*

Yelling for my son to get into the car, I moved slowly away from the car. Looking back over my shoulder I could see my son was not moving—just standing there like he was made of stone.

Slowly the man was backing me into the darkness and up against the wall.

Although there was a lot of street traffic a few feet away from me, I was no longer aware of it. Only the man was real to me.

"Lady, if you don't want to get hurt, give me your money," he said. While he was speaking he showed me a tire iron he had up his sweater sleeve, only the end of it showing in his hand.

Without any hesitation I gave

the man the money. Money was no longer important. I had anticipated that then the terrible man would go away.

He didn't go away at all.

"That's not all the money you have," he said. "Open your purse out on to the ground." While opening my purse, I told him that twenty dollars was all there was.

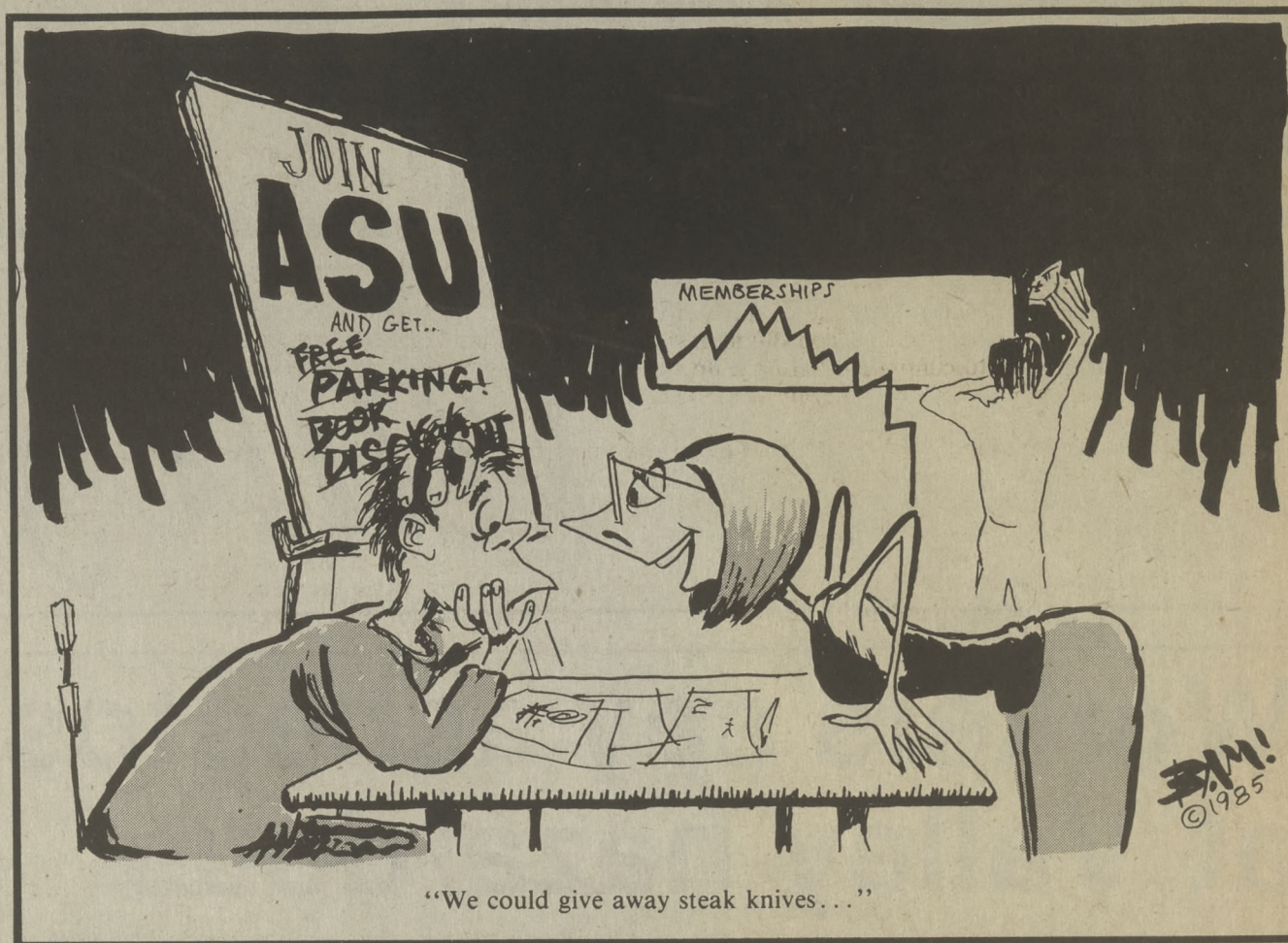
All of a sudden, like a gift from heaven, came two people. They were walking straight toward us.

Thank God! Maybe we were going to make it through this terrible experience after all.

Panic and a more intensified anger seemed to engulf my attacker. Looking me right in the eye, he growled, "Lady, you are lucky—really lucky." Then he just seemed to disappear into the darkness of the back street.

Later that night, after I finally settled my son down to sleep, I lay awake thanking God that we were alive and well—except for the emotional trauma, which would take a long time to heal.

Now, whenever I drive by that bank machine at night and see a person standing in the semi-darkness using the machine, a chill runs through me and I wonder when the bank is going to put up a sign saying, "Beware, using this money machine may be hazardous to your health. Robberies do happen here."



"We could give away steak knives..."

STAR EDITORIALS

Reinstate book discount

A 10 percent textbook discount was discontinued this semester due to the recommendation of Claudette Burns, manager of the bookstore, and to the decision of Mary Anne Breckell, vice-president of administration at Valley.

The discount was an incentive for students to join the ASU, and in this respect it was very successful. Last semester the ASU had 2,615 members. This represented a 350 percent increase over the previous semester, according to Dorothy Kaplan, ASU treasurer.

The money that ASU from its membership fees, as well as the money generated from interest on large money-market accounts, provides partial funding for the library and partial funding of the biology lab.

The ASU even gave the bookstore \$1,000 to offset any inconvenience incurred by the discount.

Whereas any profits that the bookstores make are transferred into the general fund, to be spent as the district sees fit, the money that ASU receives is spent directly on this campus. Regardless of what claims the District may

make, there is no way that a District official in an office downtown can know *exactly* what Valley's real needs are.

However, the ASU, with all of its members on campus, are in touch with the true needs of Valley. Every year, faculty members come to the ASU for funding aid.

If the ASU had a higher membership, and the higher income which comes with it, it could afford to supplement many more programs, thereby ensuring a higher quality of instruction and services for the students.

If the bookstore were operating at a deficit, then discontinuing the discount was justified. However, Burns and Breckell made their decisions without having seen the final bookstore budget figures for the semester.

Basing a decision on bookstore figures for the month of November, usually a slow month, was ridiculous. Why not base the decision on August or September, which are much busier months?

Having the 10 percent discount is very advantageous. If the bookstore in fact is in the black, we hope that Valley's administration will reinstate the discount.

In the students' corner

During September, 1985 the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees approved a proposal to increase student parking fees from \$10 to \$15 effective Spring, 1986.

At the December 11 board meeting, it was proposed that the \$15 fee be further raised to \$20, also effective Spring 1986.

Speaking out against the further increase, student representative to the LACCD Board of Trustees, Suzanne Spillane stood in the students' corner and offered the perspective that even a \$5 increase is *too much*.

Although Spillane has been criticized in the past for what observers—including student

government officers—have perceived to be a lack of sensitivity toward the needs and problems of students at the nine district colleges, she displayed a clear and concise understanding of student priorities when she argued against this second increase.

Spillane based her argument on the fact that such an increase would hurt student recruitment. The members of the Board apparently agreed with her and the proposal was not approved.

We commend Spillane for her actions during this incident and hope they are indicative of the type of representation students will receive from her in the future.

Letters to the Star

Recognition for workers

Editor,

Congratulations on your well written, thoroughly researched, and carefully documented article on the classified staff at Valley College and the challenges and difficulties it faces in today's fiscal environment. Too often their sacrifices are neglected and their importance to the college unacknowledged. Our

reduced classified staff does yeoman service.

That acknowledgement by the Valley Star can serve to remind both students and faculty that a staff severely reduced cannot provide the same level of service previously provided by a much larger staff.

That understanding should result in everyone taking greater responsibility for his/her personal behavior.

Remember the overworked

classified employees the next time you are tempted to bring that coffee into a classroom, drop that paper on the lawn, complain about lines on campus.

Only by understanding our difficulties can we hope to overcome them. Many thanks to the Star for highlighting a portion of those difficulties not usually discussed.

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make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by Monday for the following Thursday.



Asbestos . . .

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Some claim that their working environment is an occupational hazard and their jobs have maximum exposure.

Not only are they afraid of getting asbestosis, they are also afraid to talk about it.

"We're not supposed to say anything or they'll threaten us with our jobs," said Blumhorst. "(LACCD officials) want to continue covering it up so they don't have to spend the money. They just want us to work until we die."

The asbestos in the 19 buildings at Valley was revealed in a District survey conducted in March of 1982 by Certified Laboratories Inc., which was hired by the District to do asbestos samplings throughout the District.

Blumhorst and other workers feel that results of the survey have been largely ignored.

"Why take a survey if they're not going to do anything about it," said Blumhorst.

In addition, 26,130 square feet of asbestos material was found in the Campus Center and 8,975 square feet was discovered in the North Library.

To remove the asbestos District-wide, LACCD officials estimate it will cost more than \$7 million—money the District says it doesn't have.

"We're strapped for money. It's always a problem," admitted Schneider. "But even with the District's fiscal position, we have expended more than \$160,000 out of our resources since 1981 to address any critical asbestos-related problems."

"That's not chicken feed."

The state has approved \$362,000 in funding to the District, for the clean up of 28 buildings and a steam tunnel at at Trade-Tech, and East L.A. colleges.

The LACCD has applied for 1986-87 funding support from the state, asking for \$585,000 to clean up asbestos at Valley, Pierce, L.A. City and Southwest colleges.

If the project is approved, Valley will be allocated more than \$55,000 for cleanup of the Little Theatre attic and the Monarch Hall attic.

Additionally, Blumhorst told the *Star* that there is a potentially "dangerous" asbestos material concealed above the drop ceiling—a layer of particle board ceiling tiles—in the book store.

When informed of Blumhorst's discovery, Schneider said that if Blumhorst knew about it and didn't tell anyone, "he's probably not doing his job."

According to Blumhorst, he was reluctant to tell anyone, because his employers are "doing everything they can to nail me."

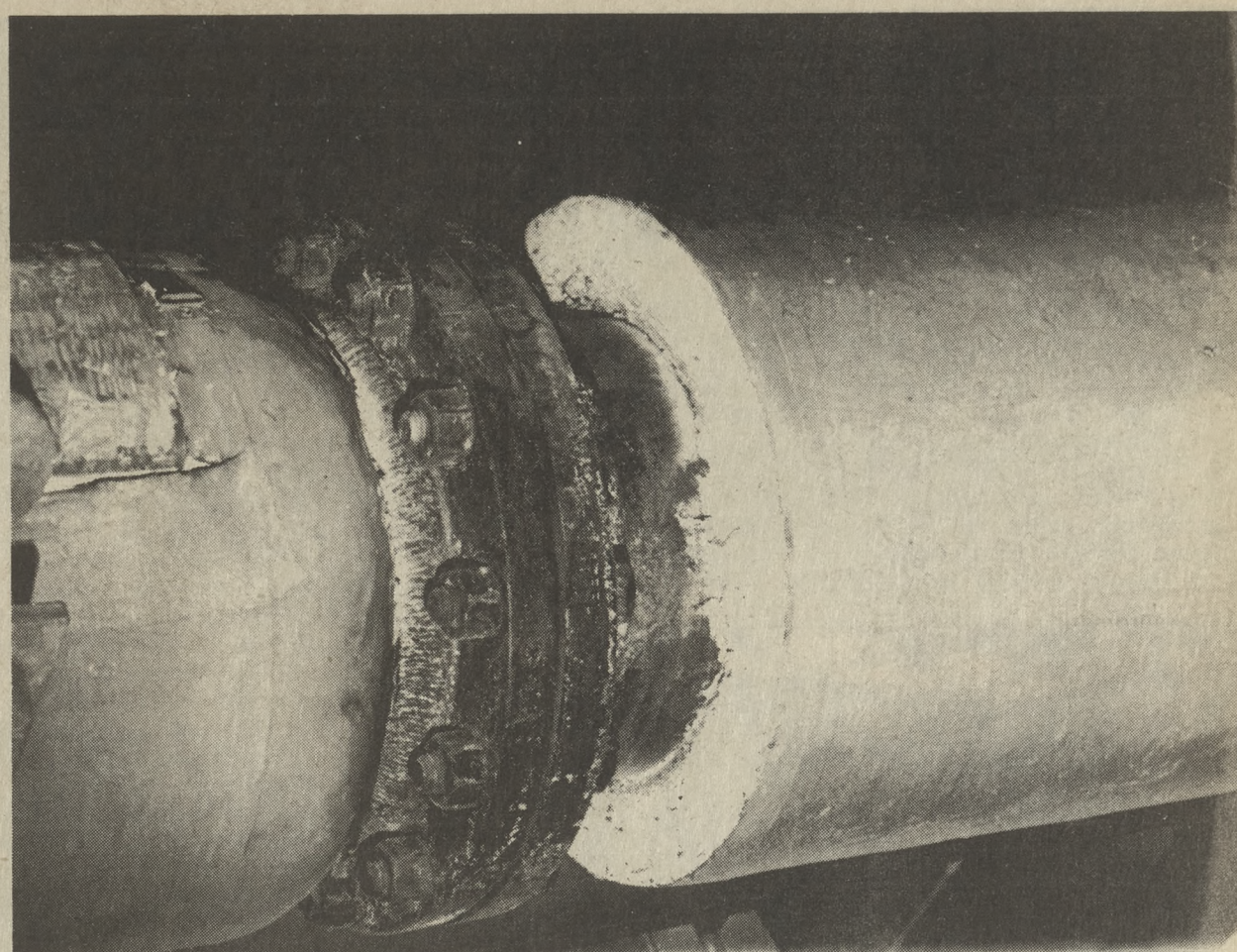
Many of the workers interviewed by the *Star* were unwilling to have their names in print for fear of being fired.

One employee said "I'm not going to say anything because we all know that Ray was threatened with his job."

But Blumhorst's superiors say that no amount of pressure has been exerted on any of the workers.

"I would never tell anybody what to say," said Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration at Valley. "That's just not my style."

(Next week's *Star* will examine the District's compliance record with CalOSHA requests)



CHARLES BORNSTEIN / Valley Star

ASBESTOS EXPOSED—The white area surrounding the main steam header pipe is asbestos. The pipe is located in the boiler room near the Engineering Building. Crumbling asbestos releases cancer-causing fibers into the air.



JEANNE K. BEHLER / Valley Star

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE—Valley students wishing to add a class or two had to deal with long lines last week. However, the lines were significantly shorter this week. The last day to add a class is Jan. 22.

Drop . . .

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tor for the LACCD.

However, "rough estimates" and "figures to date" were obtained from four campuses and all reported decreases in enrollment.

At Pierce, for instance, enrollment is expected to be "somewhere between 16 and 17,000," according to Phil Stein, dean of Admissions and Records at Pierce.

"(Enrollment) is about the same as last spring but will probably be down a little. I don't know because I don't have the exact figures yet," said Stein.

Pierce had 16,795 students in the Spring '85 semester.

Both Mission and Southwest colleges are struggling, with the lowest enrollments in the district.

Mission has about 3,052 students enrolled to date, while Southwest, which did not have any exact figures, estimated enrollment to be at approximately 3,000 students.

Faculty volunteers help with registration

By JOE BATTEY, Staff Writer

With the large number of students needing assistance during registration, college president Dr. Mary Lee called upon faculty and administration members to volunteer their time to help out.

The response was good, with many teachers signing up to make enrollment easier.

Most of the work consisted of giving students add cards and answering questions about registration.

Phil Clarke, professor of mathematics, thinks it's good for faculty members to get involved in the registration process. He has helped out during vacation and over the first two weeks of classes.

Clarke said, "I'd rather teach, but I don't mind doing it. As long as it helps get the students into classes, I'm all for it."

Also lending a hand was Dr. Pauline Merry, dean of student affairs. "I love working with students and this gives me a chance to be with them," she said.

According to Lois Lewis, dean of academic affairs, students were not used in the process because of the need for an official signature.

Lewis said "The students who register seem to appreciate the process. This has allowed students to come here and get an add card and enroll directly into classes that are open, rather than having to go to the instructor."

An attempt to make registration easier was the goal of the request, and faculty and administration members responded by lending a helping hand.

Trailer caravan visits Valley

By JOE BATTEY, Staff Writer

Many Valley College students may be wondering what those shining silver traveling coaches were doing parked next to the baseball field last week. The group is part of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

The club is exclusive to Airstream trailers and motor homes and has more than 60,000 members who all enjoy traveling adventures around the world. Named after the builder of Airstreamers, the W.B.C.C.I. was founded by Byam and Fred Riley. From single and multi-state chapters, the club continued to expand into interstate units and eventually into Canada and Mexico, thus guaranteeing its international status.

Stopping here on campus were 77 members of the Nor-Cal unit, consisting of retired adventurers from Northern California and Nevada. Approximately one-third of the membership consists of former educators.

The group of 36 trailers and motor homes assembled Jan. 5 in Los Banos, south of San Francisco. Next stop was Buena Vista Lake near Bakersfield. Then two nights in the San Fernando Valley gave the visitors a chance to see many of the sights in the Los Angeles area. The local Chamber of Commerce helped them get located in the parking lot, and in return the group made a

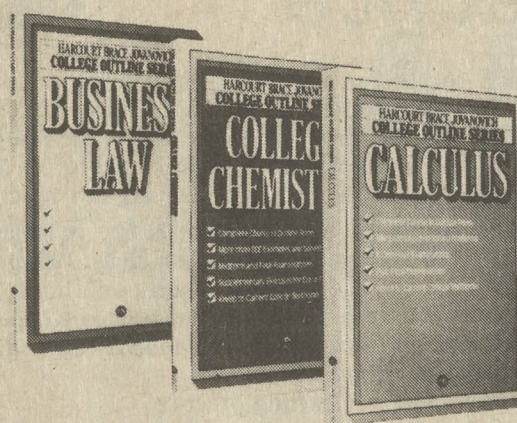
donation to the dean's fund.

After leaving Valley, the caravaners were going to spend time on the shoreline in Long Beach. Orange County was next with a stay at Cypress College. Stops at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, San Diego and Yuma, Ariz., closed out the 10-day trip.

Caravan leader Jack Lee said, "This is a way of life." Lee lives full-time in his Airstream with wife, Sharon. Equipped with a mobile phone, comfortable air bed, and pet cat, Lee travels in style.

Spencer also said that, "The people we have met from Valley College have been very nice and we've enjoyed our stay."

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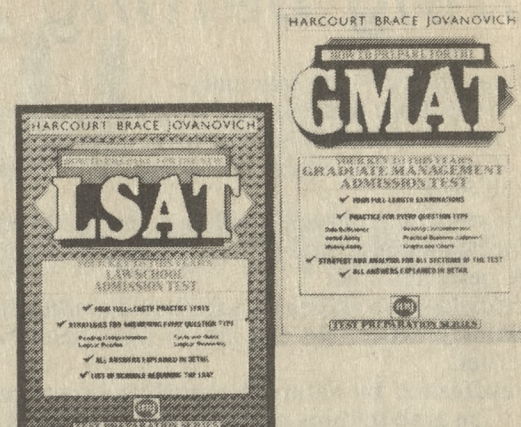
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News Notes

DEADLINE EXTENDED

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People interested in working on manuscript should contact Boston at Ext. 295.

FINANCIAL AID

Students interested in obtaining financial aid for the current academic year (85-86) are urged to apply now.

Students applying by Feb. 14, 1986 may still be considered for aid programs other than PELL and GSL, depending upon the availability of funds. See Financial Aid Office for information.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Friday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m., is the deadline for filing Petitions for Graduation as of May 23, 1986. Petitions are available in the Graduation Office, Room 127, Administration Building.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID

Applications for financial aid for the 1986-87 academic year are currently available in the financial aid office.

Applications received by May 23, 1986 will have priority consideration.

Documents received after May 23 will be considered for aid only if funds are still available.

Students who wish to apply for Cal Grants A, B or C should request a Cal Grant supplement, as well as Student Aid Application for California (SAAC). Deadline for Cal Grants is Feb. 11, 1986.

Cal Grant Supplement requires GPA verification.

Former Monarch wide receiver voted to first team All-American in three major polls

By STEVE FOUNTAIN, Staff Writer

He looks more like a kid that you would ask for extra mayo on your Big Mac than a man you might ask for an autograph.

At a height of 5'9", a foot of which must come from his unstoppable smile, Eric Yarber would probably be the last person you would envision if asked to

describe a college All-American.

Yet, the 154-pound wide receiver, who was told he was too small to play varsity football at Los Angeles' Crenshaw High School, recently became the first Valley alumnus to win first team All-American honors.

The Associated Press (AP),

United Press International (UPI), and Kodak polls each named Yarber, currently attending the University of Idaho, to their first team.

When asked what being selected as an All-American means to him, Yarber's face turned serious (this involves showing only his upper teeth when he smiles) and simply said, "It is recognition that you really did a good job."

Recognition is important to a man whose talents have caught the eyes of scouts from the Los Angeles Rams, Washington Redskins, and Buffalo Bills of the National Football League (NFL), as well as several teams from the Canadian Football League (CFL).

Sitting unaccustomedly confined within the arms of a chair in the Monarch Football Office, Yarber stretched out his left leg which was operated on in December to correct ligament damage suffered while playing.

"It happened on the third play of the last game of the season," he recalled by rote. "It wasn't a hard hit... I was concentrating on the two guys in front of me—I forgot about the guy behind me."

"When I got up, I felt my knee wobble a little," he continued, sounding more like John Wayne describing a minor flesh wound to his fellow troops than an athlete who might have faced a career-ending injury.

Yarber will be free of the brace that supports his knee in another week. The stillness in his left leg was being well compensated for by his right leg, which was bouncing in double-time throughout most of our interview.

He overflows with untapped energy. Even while sitting comfortably in the chair, Yarber—or "Yarb" as his teammates call him—seemed on the verge of leaping up to bring down a pass from an unseen quarterback or running a juke move on a nearby desk.

"I knew I had the raw talent and energy to play at a J.C.," said Yarber. "But it was coach Ferrero who developed my skill."

Yarber's skill lead Eastern Washington University coach Dick Zornes to call him "... the single best offensive player on the West Coast."

Yarber walked onto Monarch field and into the hearts of the coaching staff, teammates, fans, and just about anyone he came in contact with in the spring of 1982.

He asked Head Coach Chuck Ferrero for a tryout.

"I figured that this was just another little guy who wanted to play football," recalled Ferrero. "Then all of a sudden, this little guy is making circus catches."

Case in point—during the first week of spring workouts, Yarber, without the safety net of a helmet or pads, dove out of bounds to catch an errant pass, landing face-first on an asphalt track.

"He bounced right up and I immediately fell in love with the guy," said Ferrero.

Yarber confessed that after that catch he knew he had earned Ferrero's respect.

"From the first time I saw Ferrero I knew I had to be on the ball," said Yarber. "Playing here was going to be all work."

What would drive a then 135-pound 'Bee' team wide receiver to try out on a Junior College team?

"My friends told me I could play J.C. ball," said Yarber. "I knew I could play, too. It is all a matter of what you think of yourself."

While at Valley, Yarber made All-League twice. He also received honorable mention in statewide awards.

It was at Valley that Yarber started a habit that has since become his trademark.

After being tackled, he always jumps right back up, his way of letting his mother (Dorothy) know he was fine.



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SHARING A LAUGH—Eric Yarber could not control his laughter when Offensive Coordinator Dave Buchanan entered the football office and said "Why are you talking to this guy? He isn't a football player! He is too small!"

Yarber, a 22-year-old native of Chicago, has lived in L.A. since he was six.

Along with his mother Dorothy, Yarber grew up with two younger brothers; Rodney, 21 and Stanley, 19. The youngest Yarber, Eric's sister Princess, was born in 1983.

While his father no longer lives at home, Yarber doesn't come from a broken family. The good-natured All-American frequently mentioned his mother as his prime motivator and fan.

"I don't think she missed a game while I played at Valley," said Yarber. "If she could, I bet she would have been at all my games at Idaho."

How does a person from big, sun-drenched Los Angeles react to small, blizzard-bound Moscow, Idaho?

"I had never been in snow before," said Yarber jokingly. "In fact I hadn't even seen snow."

"The people in Idaho were really friendly. They would invite you

over for dinner just so they could talk with you and get a chance to know you."

"Everybody always says 'Hi'." The effort his mother put in as a motivator, was equalled by Ferrero and Offensive Coordinator Dave Buchanan in time spent developing his skill as a receiver.

Yarber said that he also benefited greatly from his coaches' knowledge of how to get the most from athletic scholarships.

"Ferrero has his program set up so well," said Yarber. "If a school needs a skilled position filled for the next season, they will contact Valley. I know Idaho will get a receiver from Valley every year."

Last week, Monarch receiver/quarterback Neosia Morris signed a letter of intent with Idaho.

"I do not know how I can ever thank coach Ferrero and coach Dave (Buchanan) for all the help they gave me," said Yarber.

His becoming an All-American has probably come a long way in doing that.



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ALL-AMERICAN SMILE—University of Idaho wide receiver Eric Yarber, who transferred from Valley after the 1983 season, has everyone around him smiling, with the possible exception of the opposing team's defensive backs.

Sportsline by KATHY CROUCH

A daydreamer finds escape during batting practice

Batting practice—my sanctuary.

Whenever I see that mechanical pitching machine on the mound, I know it's going to be a good day. A smile of satisfaction sweeps across my face as I step onto the field.

After stretching out and fielding a few grounders, it's time. I assume a position in right field, my home for the next half-hour.

Right field is the Siberia of a softball diamond during batting practice. No one hits to right field. Not even lefties.

A daydreamer by nature, I cherish the spare moments I can grab to think about whatever happens to be on my mind.

As I watch the left fielder running back and forth to keep up with the balls coming out to her, I drift off into my own little world. I'm kept alert only by the flash of the high-intensity yellow balls thrown by the pitching machine. Covered with miniature dimples, they resemble oversized golf balls.

I guess it's a kind of escape. I'd rather wonder whether or not my dog needs a bath this weekend

than ponder the possibilities of a third world war.

Batting practice has always been my favorite part of playing softball. I'll never forget the rainy afternoon my high school coach left word for us to go to the batting cages instead of our regular practice.

Being young and unchaperoned, of course we decided *not* to go to the batting cages. We gathered our gear and headed for our shortstop's house, where no parents were home. We proceeded to spend the afternoon watching music videos and drinking strawberry daquiris.

Now that was batting practice!

I suppose this point in the column my coach is ready to drop me from Valley's team. I can hear it now—"Wuddayu mean, daydreaming! Crouch, take two laps!"

Now don't worry coach, it's just a column. You can't take me too seriously.

Actually, this entire piece came to me in a flash one lazy afternoon last week while grazing in the emerald green pastures of my home in right field.



All football team starters offered scholarships to four-year schools

By STEVE FOUNTAIN, Staff Writer

Valley once again has had all of its starting football players offered full scholarships to four-year universities.

Junior College All-American Alain Greer signed a letter of intent with Syracuse University.

Neosia Morris, a wide receiver by trade, who filled in at quarterback this season, will follow in Eric Yarber's footsteps at the University of Idaho.

Defensive back Clark Watson signed with Iowa State University.

Linebackers Clay Orrison and Moe Givehand and defensive back Darrell Harts will all go the University of New Mexico.

Punter Donald Cruse will be attending the University of Utah.

Chris Truitt has a full offer from Boise State, but may still sign with Utah State.

Linebacker Paul Wilson, originally heading to Moorhead State, will now be attending Eastern Illinois.

Closer to home, offensive lineman Danny Delao will stay in the San Fernando Valley, attending Cal State Northridge.

Defensive lineman Chris Glaze, defensive backs Arthur White and Demetres Stephens, linebacker Marty Steward, offensive lineman Jamil Herschewe, running back Elvin Ware, wide receiver Jerry Garrett, and tight end Ricky Ane all have offers, but they have either not decided which offer to accept or must first complete their transfer units to validate their scholarship offers.

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As with most football coaches, Valley Head Coach Chuck Ferrero places a great deal of emphasis on timing.

Unfortunately, Yolanda Ferrero, his wife, does not.

Yolanda was scheduled for a Caesarean section at 12:30 p.m. Fri-

day to deliver the Ferreros' twin sons.

"It is standard procedure for a small woman to have a Caesarean when she is having twins," said the proud father.

Unexpectedly, Yolanda went into labor at 12:30 a.m., Friday. She made it to the hospital "just in time" to have the operation performed, according to her husband.

At 3:33 a.m., five-pound, nine-ounce Michael was born, followed by his five-pound, fifteen-ounce brother Nicholas at 3:34 a.m.

The rookie twins will join veteran daughters Jennifer (13) and Elena (2) in the Ferrero camp.

Yolanda was released from the hospital yesterday according to Ferrero. He added that his wife and their newest children are doing well.

When asked if the Ferrero twins will be future Valley players, Offensive Coordinator Dave Buchanan said "You know it!"

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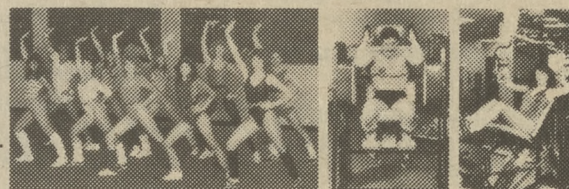
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Daniels back in Monarch lineup

By DANIA TANGALOS, Staff Writer

Two months ago Jill Daniels was in the hospital, concerned with her future career in basketball. Today she's back on the court, now wearing protective eye goggles and playing with a fierce determination to win.

Daniels was injured early last semester when her left eye was accidentally struck by someone's finger during practice, cutting the cornea. Her first season with Valley College started last week.

The eye is expected to take one year to fully heal. "But I'm 90 percent better," Daniels said. "The eye doesn't affect me at all."

But as a result of the injury, Daniels has become more wary of other players around her.

"When I got out of the hospital," she recalled, "I was real shaky towards anyone around me. But I wear goggles while playing, so I feel protected."

"Both the doctor and the coach ordered me to wear goggles the whole time I'm playing—for the rest of my life."

"If my eye is hit again I can become blind."

Daniels, who plays forward and guard, is considered among Valley's best women basketball players.

A star at Chatsworth High, her honors included being chosen as an All-City player. The Los Angeles Times named her All-San Fernando Valley. In addition, she was named to the first team All-League, and played in two All-Star games.

She was awarded a scholarship to Brigham Young University. She loved the team but had difficulties with the coach. Her relationship with Valley coach Jim Stephens is different.

"He looks at things differently because he is trying to help you," Daniels explained. "He always gives out that extra push, wanting the best for you. He's close with the team members."

Daniels also feels a special unity with the her teammates.

"Closeness to your team and your coach is very important," she said. "All the team members are special to me."

"No matter if we win or lose we are still together. We have classes together and socialize together."

"A team should be that way... together."

Daniels has been playing basketball for eleven years. She picked up a ball for the first time at the age of nine.

Daniels describes her success in basketball to a special



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"court sense."

"I'm aware of what's on the court," she says. "While playing, I talk a lot to the team and let them know where everyone is."

Daniels would like to take what she has learned about the game of basketball, and pass that knowledge on to others.

"I would like to be a P.E. teacher and maybe a coach—and definitely raise a family."

Women defeated

The Monarch women's basketball team lost to College of the Desert last Friday night at home by a close score of 55-52.

The Monarchs were led in scoring by freshman Maryjo Testa, with 16 points.

Jill Daniels' absence from the court was shown in her low 27 percent shooting average. She hit only six baskets out of 22 attempts, rounding out her 13 points with one free throw.

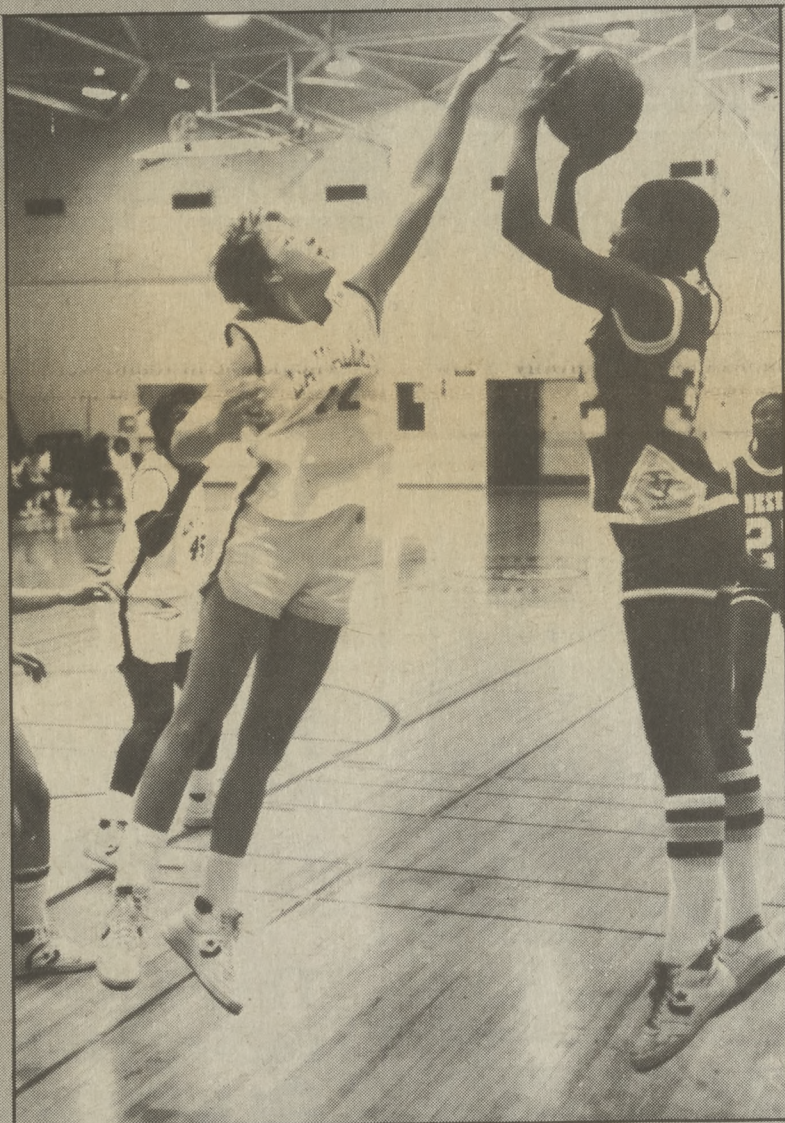
The first half was an even draw, ending with a 28-28 score. Valley kept College of the Desert (COD) at bay with an aggressive defense and by taking a lot of shots.

However, Valley couldn't score enough to keep up with COD in the second half. A team shooting average of 32 percent kept the points at a minimum.

Rounding out the scoring, Tina Johnson scored 12 points from the field, Lenise Collins tacked on 8, and Kristin Bregel dropped in 3 points.

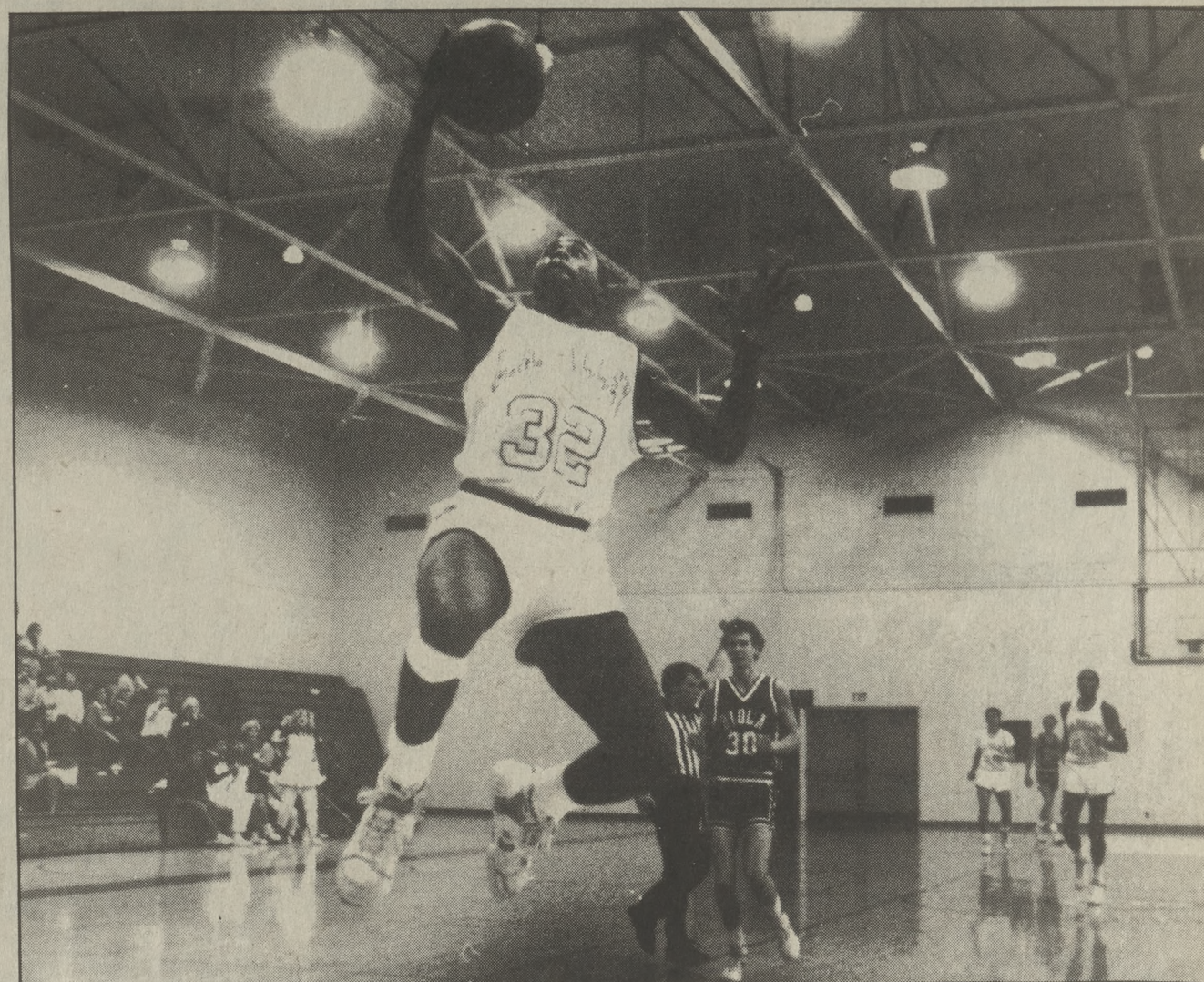
COD equaled Valley's 32 percent shooting average, but was able to come up with the extra basket and free throw that made the difference.

Valley will face L.A. Trade Tech tomorrow night at 5:00 p.m. at Trade Tech.



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OH NO YOU DON'T—Valley's Jill Daniels goes up to block a shot in a 55-52 loss to College of the Desert last Friday night.



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UP, UP, AND AWAY—Valley's Erik Harden soars high to score in a 57-36 Monarch victory over the Biola College J.V. team.

Valley dominates in 57-36 victory against Biola J.V.

By JOE BATTEY, Staff Writer

Forward John Windham scored a game high 16 points to lead the Monarch men's basketball team to a 57-36 win over the Biola College junior varsity squad last Friday night.

The win gives the Monarchs a 9-11 record going into Mountain Valley Conference play.

The game was a one-sided contest, with Valley posting a 31-23 advantage at halftime. They led throughout the entire game.

In the second half, the Biola Eagles were held to just 13 points because of a full-court press and a slowdown offense by Valley Head Coach Virgil Watson's players.

Watson, who moved from assis-

tant to head coach after last season, said the full court pressure is used to make the opponent, "think before they bring the ball up the court."

The contest became a rout when two Biola starters fouled out, leaving coach Kirk Chittick with little talent to work with.

Helping out in the victory was 6-foot-7-inch center Mario Lopez. He had 10 points and several blocked shots. Other top scorers for Valley included Erik Harden, who poured in 10 points, and Robin Andrews and Gary Goodrich with 6 points each.

The loss dropped Biola J.V. to an 11-4 record on the season.

Looking forward to conference play, Watson said, "All the players believe we can be competitive against anybody and possibly win any game we play."

The 9-11 record could have been much better, according to Watson.

Reflecting on pre-season play he said, "After some of the games were over, we realized we should have won them."

Many of the games were decided by two points or less.

Valley opens conference play against College of the Canyons at home tomorrow night in the men's gym at 7:30 p.m.

Baseball team plans for season: defense the name of the game

By CHRIS BUSH, Staff Writer

Having a good defense is a major factor in having a successful season in any sport. So it's no wonder that Scott Muckey is focusing on defense as he heads into his fifth year as the head coach of Valley's baseball team.

After finishing second in the Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) in 1985 with a 13-7 league record, 20-15 overall, the 33-year-old Muckey is looking to improve this season by finding the right mixture of veterans and new recruits.

"There's not really one player on this team who you could call the star," he said. "We've got a lot of talented players, but no one stands above the others."

The Monarchs have five MVC All-Conference players returning this season: outfielders Chris Haslock and Ron Dale, second baseman Tim Riley, and pitchers Dave Cossairt and Dan Telles.

Cossairt last played for Valley in 1984, when he achieved All-Conference honors. He returns this season after a one-year hiatus to clear up what he termed "family problems".

"We've got almost everybody back from last year's team," said Muckey. "So we're looking to improve on our '85 record."

Muckey had great success in the recruiting of pitchers, picking up All-City performers Drew Ricker and Dennis Moeller from El Camino Real and Cleveland High Schools, respectively.

"When you come right down to it, defensively, if you've got a good pitcher, you've got a good defense," explained Muckey.

With his team's defensive ability basically secure, Muckey will devote more practice time to developing his squad's offensive potential.

"We are spending more time on offense because it is harder to teach than defense," he said.

"We'll need the offense when we go against the stronger teams because defense can't carry us by itself."

The stronger teams Muckey spoke of include defending MVC Champion College of the Canyons (COC), and West Los Angeles College (WLAC), which finished behind Valley last season in third place.

"COC is probably the top team

we compete against in our conference," said Muckey. "We usually hold our own against them, but sometimes lose other games along the way that end up hurting us."

"WLAC is pretty strong also."

In the preseason, the Monarchs will face defending California State Champion Cerritos College. The game, on Feb. 14, will be Valley's season opener.

"We've Cerritos a couple of times in winter league and split the games," said Muckey. "They lost most of their players from last year, but they are still one of the top teams in the state."

However, Muckey thinks Valley is also one of the top teams in California and has a good chance of returning to the state tournament.

"We went to the state tournament last year and lost to Oxnard," said Muckey. "But we feel that we're not going to make mistakes or beat ourselves this year."

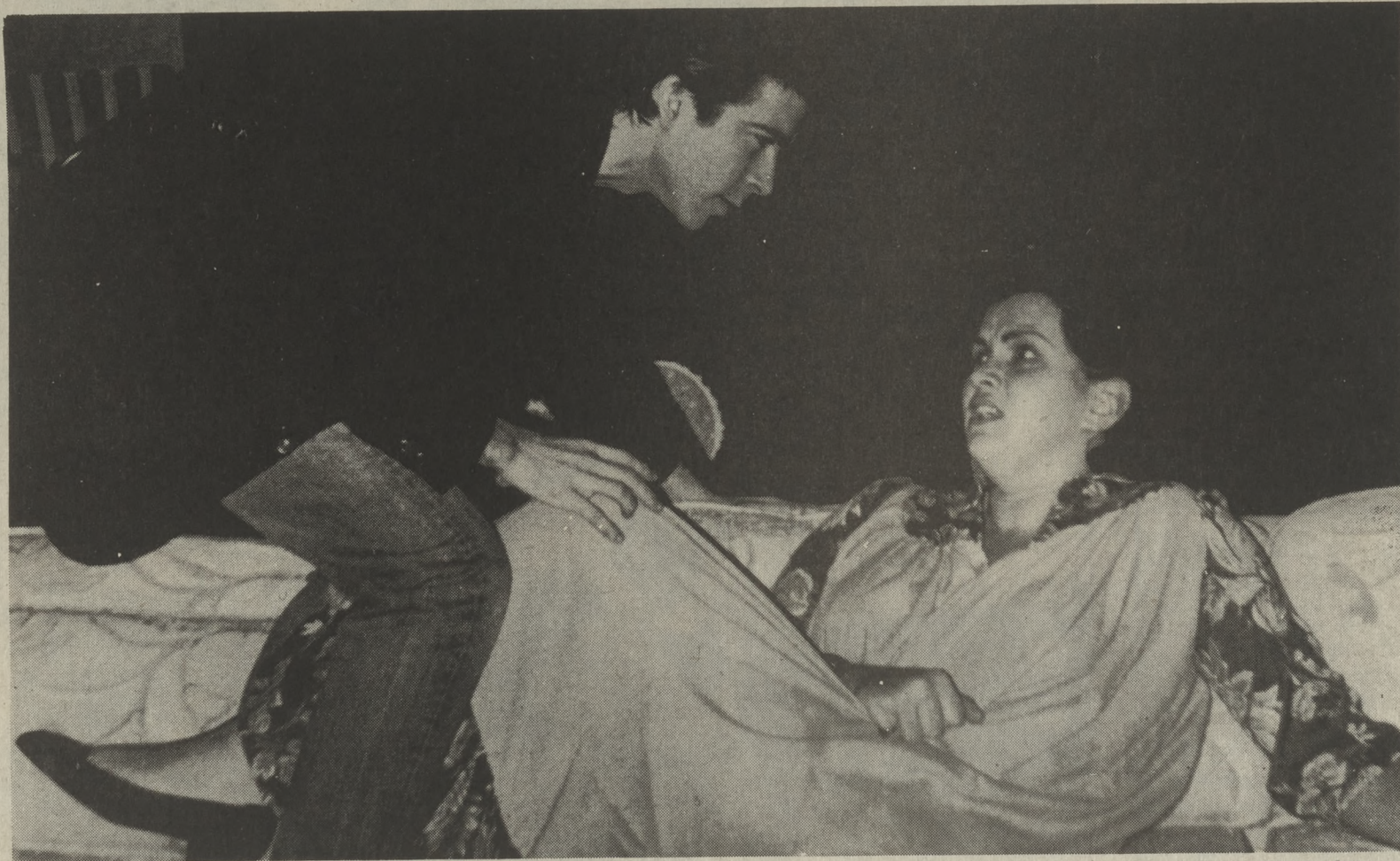
"We'll win a lot of games because the other teams will have to play better than us to win. We should improve a lot over last year and I think we can finish higher in the state tournament."

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BEING OVERLY FRIENDLY—Alexis Stevenson as Jeanette and James Bartholet as Barney Cashman play two of the characters in 'Lovers'.

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Spring season opens with 'Lovers'

By BLANCA L. ADAJIAN, Assoc. Opinion Editor

Neil Simon's *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers* has been chosen as the opening play of this semester by the Valley Collegiate Players.

The plays director, Misty Ty, feels that the play has two factors which are certain to make it an enjoyable one.

"I have really good actors and a great play written by a well-

known writer," she pointed out.

This three-act comedy deals with a man's mid-life yearnings for a little excitement to spice up what he considers to be a dull and uneventful life.

To do this, he decides to have an affair, but being inexperienced and rather bumbling, he succeeds only in setting the stage for a very funny set of circumstances to occur.

The four-member cast features James Bartholet as Barney Cashman, the inexperienced, bumbling, last of the red hot lovers.

Three ladies are targeted as "possibles" by Cashman. Meg Seyfarth portrays the "overly friendly" Elaine Navazio, Stacey Lynne is "actress/singer" Bobbie Michele, and Alexis Stevenson as

Jeanette, the wife of Cashman's best friend.

This production will be presented in-the-round in the Horseshoe Theatre. Six performances are scheduled: Jan. 23-25, and Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

Curtain time for all performances is 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3, \$2 for Seniors, and \$1 for ASU cardholders.

Spielberg's version of 'Purple' a few shades different from Walker's novel

By BILL BUTMAN, Staff Writer

If viewers seeing *The Color Purple* expect an honest adaptation of Alice Walker's wonderful Pulitzer Prize winning novel, they may be disappointed.

The last one third of the book is either not dealt with at all in the film, or is altered considerably.

Steven Spielberg has given us his own lightweight, superficial version of the story, full of cute little slapstick scenes, including an unnecessary barroom brawl.

Typically, Spielberg has chosen to tread lightly around sex (especially in scenes that deal with lesbianism) and adult language, which are dealt with

openly and honestly in the book, and are crucial to Alice Walker's story.

In this way, Spielberg and Warner Brothers have succeeded in obtaining a PG-13 rating. Consequently, the film will attract the massive "youth market," in addition to adults, the majority of which have not read the book.

"Hollywood, you sho' is ugly!"

For those who have not already shared the joy of Celie's wonderful, magical, and inspirational victory, the film will be an emotional experience.

Whoopi Goldberg plays Celie to perfection in her first motion

picture, and is a good bet to win an Oscar.

Chicago talk show host Oprah Winfrey (also making her film debut) as Sofia, and Margaret Avery as Shug, are also standouts among the nearly flawless cast.

Technically the production is first-rate. Michael Kahn's editing is superb; several scenes could be used as textbook examples.

Dutch-born Menno Meyjes' script, despite its differences from the novel, is full of emotion and a caring sense of Celie's struggle.

The cinematography of Allen Daviau softly captures the ear-

thiness of rural North Carolina and Kenya, Africa.

Tata Vega, who dubbed the vocals for Margaret Avery's Shug, has audiences humming a blues tune while leaving the theater.

Quincy Jones added a fine score (aided by Lionel Richie, Rod Temperton, and Andrae Crouch, among others) and was also instrumental in gaining the trust of Alice Walker, who finally agreed to allow the film to be made.

The film is full of vivacity and sheer emotion, especially during the final reunion scene when Celie finally gains her victory.

Friends face rivalry, conflict

By LISA FLAGLORE, Staff Writer

Best Man Wins is a comedy/drama dealing with the eternal conflict and rivalry that commonly exists between two men who are best friends.

Len Austrevich, who portrays Mark, displays a wide range of talents in not only performing one of the starring roles, but in having written and directed the comedy/drama as well.

Austrevich does not shine on stage as some actors do, but he emotes such a feeling of warmth and innocence that you can't help but take an immediate liking to him.

Nicholas Celozzi, cast in the part of the second main character, Julian, is also the show's producer. Celozzi seemed a bit colorless in the beginning, but by the second act his performance had intensified dramatically.

Mark and Julian are both native Chicagoans trying to "make it" in L.A.

The play begins in the apartment of a woman biochemist and coke

addict, Martha—a mutual acquaintance of the two main characters. Mark and Julian have come there to tell Martha that her boyfriend was almost killed in a car accident.

The second act of *Best Man Wins* takes place at the gates of heaven where Mark and Julian are pitted against one another for a place in heaven.

The play is not altogether without its flaws. A bit more polish here and there would have made it shine a little brighter.

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